1/10/68

Dear Mr. Joy,

I'm about to leave for a brief trip. I'll answer your letter of 1/4, which arrived today, as I read it.

While I do not agree that the first shot was not before Z210, I do agree that it is the best point for calculations. Does the surveyor's plat on 243 of WWII help? First shot is X1. This is available from the National Arhhives in an 8x10 print for $1.50. I might be able to get a much larger copy, if that is important. I also have the plans for the sewers of the area, which have suryeyors points, curb lines, etc, but that is hard to mail and too large for me to photocopy.

Your thinking on the grassy knoll and the desireability of escape is perfectly sound. However, you do not have the fact. There canxbe no question, at the very least Z313 came from there and in all likelihood, the very first shot, in the front of the neck. There are two very good places from which the assassin would not have to flee. One, the trunk of one of the many cars there, some of which did leave immediately, and the second a sewer, of which I have pictures. The sewer was the safer place and it is consistent with shooting from that area.

I think the garage to the west of the TSBD is close to a right angle.

How about the Del-Tex Bldg for the read shot(s)? And does it not as well suit your Emperor Claudius story, whichi is very pertinent?

I encourage you not to draw on Thompson. He came up with a commercial formula. Despite his claim to scholarship, some of the stuff he has is quite obviously wrong, and I think he knew it. Either way, he is not much. He has taken the work of others and jazzed it a bit with error and irresponsibility to make it seem like he knows what he doesn't and to give answers no responsible man would try and give. He, too, has taken advantage of the longing of the people for definite statements....My own independent study of the Z film in the late Spring of 1966 convinced me the 313 shot, without questions, was from the right front (WWII, 221). You must remember in analyzing from the printed frames that 314-5 were reversed (PW145). And check 284. It is a dupe of 283. At about thisxpoint there was a sharp forward motion. The wind was about 10 mph, not enough to blow a piece of bone 25 feet south when there was no flaw on the south of left side of the head.

There may be an unpublished pictures howing a large truck in front of the garage at that time. How would it work out of the so-called non-fatal shot came from the front and the rear wound <u>was</u> lower? The President was turned to his right, as the Z pictures before 210 show. And how would the Connally wounds trace backward toward the Del-Tex Bldg, how high up? I have pictures taken from a number of points, including the jail, Records Bldg, Del-Tex and the roof of the Bldg to itseast, an some from the south side of the Plaza. Please let me know which ones you'd like to see and I'll send them on my return. Please excuse the haste. I want to get this off before I leave and I have to prepare.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg